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1. On 7 January 1952, the barracks installation on the north side of Berliner Strasse, Prenzlau (N 54/0 14), was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia and a few with artillery insignia. JS tanks and 6 canvas-covered T-34 tanks were seen standing in the barracks yard.

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2. On 7 January, the barracks installation on the south side of Berliner Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Weapons observed in the barracks yard included 4 x 80-mm mortars, 8 canvas-covered 75-mm artillery pieces and 4 x 37-mm AA guns. Crews of 7 men each were drilling with two of these AA guns under the supervision of two officers.

3. On 10 January, the barracks installation on the north side of Berliner Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops with red-bordered black epaulets. Four units of about 80 men each were engaged in parade drill in the barracks yard. A brass band of about 16 pieces played. The drill was witnessed by about 10 officers and another 80 men. Fifteen soldiers received tactical instruction by an officer standing at a blackboard in front of the building. The barracks installation on the south side of Berliner Strasse was also occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. An armored reconnaissance car with 2 officers and 3 men standing beside it was seen in front of a shed.

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4. On 15 December 1951 and 5 January 1952, determined that there had been a considerable turnover in officer personnel. Many of the officers whom source knew from the Templin troop training grounds had allegedly been discharged. New officers had arrived from the U.S.S.R. \*

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\* Comment. The information supports previous conclusions regarding the units in the two barracks installations at Prenzlau, confirms the 175th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div up to 5 January 1952 and is indicative of an unidentified artillery unit.

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The mortars mentioned in the present report are believed to have been 120-mm mortars belonging to the unidentified mortar regiment of the 25th Tank Div. All trucks mentioned in the report belong to the 25th Tank Div.

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